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THERE are indications of a change of policy by the German Government regarding the importation of cattle and meats from foreign countries. The order prohibiting the importation of live hogs from Denmark has been rescinded under certain conditions, and other adjacent countries have been given permission to place in the German market animals offered for food. The order applying to Denmark provides that the importations may only be made by sea, and requires that the healthfulness of the animals must not only be proven by a certificate from a Danish veterinary surgeon, but before landing a German veterinary surgeon must also make an examination, and if it is found that any of the animals have infectious diseases, the whole shipment is to be returned. Not only this, but the animals permitted to land must be immediately killed in the slaughter-houses at the port of arrival, and an examination of the meat is to be made from time to time by the German authorities. These precautions indicate that there has been more sincerity of purpose in the exclusion of American pork, which has been placed upon the market without inspection, than our packers would have the public believe. It is not unreasonable that the people, who are to eat it, should want healthful food or not any at all. There is at present no assurance that diseased animals are not slaughtered for the food market the same as the healthful. The new inspection laws will doubtless give more confidence, and they will be sure to create a greater demand for American dressed meats.

"Discounts for Export Only." Some time ago The News editorially directed attention to the discrimination in prices of American manufacturers against the people in this country, in favor of buyers in foreign markets, and a list of discounts for export trade was published. Advocates of high protection have not found it an easy matter to convince the public that it was all right for the manufacturers to do this. Many papers have sweepingly denied the charge that such discrimination is practiced. To admit it would appear to be equivalent to saying that the protective tariff system is maintained for the purpose of enabling the American manufacturer to charge the consumers of the home market high prices, without fear of competition, while abroad, where he is compelled to meet competition, he will sell at a reasonable profit. This would not do as an argument. It was easier to dispute the facts than to defend the practice. However, an organ of the monopolists, the Iron Age, puts faith in courage and frankly says:

It has been denounced as an iniquitous proceeding that American producers should be willing to let foreigners have goods at prices lower than those which they ask the American consumers to pay. A vast amount of evidence has been produced to prove a fact of which every one in business is fully aware. It is done in many lines, and is fully justifiable.

If every one in business is fully aware of the fact there are a good many men in business who have not been telling the truth. The Chicago News a few days ago sent out a reporter to interview manufacturers of agricultural implements and other machinery largely in use in regard to the discrimination in prices. With one or two exceptions, all denied that there was any difference in home market and export prices, or gave evasive answers. The manager of the Fairbanks Scale Company gave the charge what he called "an unqualified contradiction." Mr. M. E. Stone, a former Chicago editor who had just returned from Russia, was encountered soon afterward by the reporter and was asked as to his observations while abroad. He had visited the Fairbanks branch house while in Russia, and the manager had related to him as a remarkable fact

that their scales made in the United States were shipped across the ocean, were hauled up the Gulf of Finland, were transhipped by rail to Moscow, and thence by government railway to the coast or Tartary, and were sold at a year's time without security at a price less than they were sold at in the country in which they were made. And remember they paid a heavy duty, so much per pound, besides the high charges of Russian railways on freight. As an illustration of the Russian way of doing business, let me add that in Germany 30 per cent. is considered a high rate of interest, while in Russia so weak is security that 10 per cent. is the usual rate. I have the catalogue of the Moscow house, printed in Russian, in my possession, and can produce the evidence.

The "heavy duty" referred to by Mr. Stone was a very large item. The protective tariff of Russia is higher than that of any other country on the continent.

In the face of the denials by manufacturers that there is a difference in their home market and export prices, comes another case of the New York Engineering and Mining Journal, with a price current bearing the date of September 5, 1890, with a list of "Discounts for export only." The names of the manufacturers whose goods are for sale to foreign buyers at these discounts are not given. The publication itself is the agency through which purchases must be made.

It will be of special interest to the farmers of America to know what these "discounts for export only" are on some of the manufactured articles, which they find it necessary to buy. Here are a few items from the price current:

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Plow, No. 2, seed drill, etc., etc., 20

Combined drill, rake, cultivator, etc., 20

Fire-brick single wheel hoe and plow, 20

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Improved hay tedder, 20

Potato digger, 20

Steel garden rake, 20

Saw, 20

Feed cutters, 20

Bamboo baskets, 20

Grain box, 20

Windmill, 20

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